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The "Vesper," at 2 p.m.

The number of members and guests present was one hundred twenty-five.

After the collation, Bishop Levering announced that the following members of the Society had passed away since the last annual meeting: Mary H. (Schropp) Leoser, Rev. Lewis Phillip Clewell, Cornelius W. Krause, James S. Dodson and Joseph M. Leibert.

The following papers were read:

"Nazareth Hall; the laying of the corner-stone, May 3, 1755, and various items connected with the erection of the building, together with reminiscences of an old Hall Boy of 1835 and later," by Rev. E. T. Kluge.

"Chronicles of the Moravian Congregation at Donegal, Pa.," by Robert Rau.

The following members were added to the Society during the year: *Life-Members*, Arthur D. Thaeler, Jr., and the Library of the Moravian Theological Seminary, Gnadenfeld, Silesia; *Active Members*, Aaron S. Miller, Henry B. Schlegel, Ellis C. Schneebeli, Mrs. Ellis C. Schneebeli, Harrison C. Lueders, and Rev. O. E. Reidenbach; *Associate Member*, O. L. Fehr.

The Society now numbers one hundred one life-members, and two hundred thirty-four active and associate members, making a total of three hundred thirty-five.

Obituary.

MARY HELEN SCHROPP LEOSER.

Mrs. Leoser was the second daughter of Abraham S. and Caroline S. (Guetter) Schropp and was born in Bethlehem on August 25th, 1868. She attended the Moravian Parochial School there until 1882 when she entered Linden Hall Seminary at Lititz, where she was a pupil until Christmas of 1884.

She took an active interest in church work and was one of the first teachers in the Laurel Street Sunday School.

On January 13, 1892, she was married to Thomas Smith Leoser, of New York City, residing in Elizabeth, N. J., until 1902. Three children were born to them; Thomas S., Jr., John and Ruth, the daughter, however, dying when 16 months old.

For the last year and a half, she with her boys resided in Bethlehem.

She departed on November 10, 1903, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia, after having undergone the trial of a severe surgical operation, aged 35 years, 2 months and 15 days.

She joined the Historical Society in September, 1886.

LEWIS PHILIP CLEWELL.

The Rev. Lewis Philip Clewell was born at Schoeneck, Pa., February 9, 1843, and departed hence on January 9, 1904.

His parents were Philip G. and Anna Maria (Roth) Clewell. He was married, May 16, 1867, to Miss Sarah M. Blickensderfer of Gnadenhütten, Ohio, who survives him with their three children, the Rev. Robert E. Clewell, pastor of the congregation at Hopedale, Pa., and Mary Elvina and Addie Louisa.

His mother was a direct descendant of the Rev. John Roth, who was in active service as a Moravian missionary at Nain and Wyalusing, Pa., and Gnadenhütten, Ohio, and was later pastor in various Moravian congregations, dying at York, Pa., in 1790. Bro. Clewell studied for several years in the Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa., was a teacher in Nazareth Hall for a year and was ordained a Deacon of the Church, November 19, 1865, by Bishop Samuel Reinke at Bethlehem; his ordination as Presbyter he received at Lititz, May 30, 1867, at the hands of Bishop David Bigler.

His pastorates were at Moravia, Iowa—1865-1866; Gracehill, Iowa, to April, 1869; Harmony, Iowa, to September, 1873; Graceham, Md., to June, 1880; Lebanon, Pa., to June, 1882; Emmaus, Pa., to December, 1889; Utica, N. Y., to Nov. 1893; Schoeneck, Pa., to November, 1894, and finally South Bethlehem, until he entered into his rest. He served his Church as teacher and pastor for forty years; his service in the ministry was marked by practical work in church extension.

In his time he organized five congregations, built seven churches and three parsonages, besides working actively at remodeling four churches and three parsonages—a record seldom equalled.

In the summer of 1863 he enlisted in the 34th Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia, in response to call of Gov. Curtin for

volunteers to defend the State against invasion by the Southern Army. He later became a member of the G. A. R., and was chaplain of Robert Oldham Post of South Bethlehem.

He officiated in church services for the last time on New Year's Eve, notwithstanding suffering from a severe cold; on the morning of the second he became seriously ill, a dangerous case of pneumonia having developed.

Human skill and loving care proved unavailing to check the progress of the disease and, in the morning of the ninth day of the year, he fell asleep, at the age of nearly 61 years.

Bro. Clewell became a member of the Moravian Historical Society in September, 1896.

CORNELIUS WILLIAM KRAUSE.

One of the original members of the Moravian Historical Society, Mr. Krause always took an active interest in its affairs since its founding, in 1858.

He was born at Bethlehem, Pa., July 15, 1837, and was the youngest of the ten children of John and Elizabeth (Beitel) Krause. After having attended the Bethlehem Moravian Parochial School, he entered the employ of Aug. Wolle & Co. and finally became a member of the succeeding firm of Wolle, Krause & Erwin. Later he had charge of the South Bethlehem branch store of the Moravian Publication Concern, until this department was discontinued, during the last decade of the last century.

For thirty-seven years he was active as Sacristan of the Bethlehem Moravian Church. In 1863 he was wedded to Jane E. Roepper, who, together with their three sons, Arthur C., G. Fred. and Paul T., survive him.

His death occurred on April 2, 1904.

JAMES STOUT DODSON.

Mr. Dodson, whose death occurred on May 31, 1904, was born at Wheeling, W. Va., October 15, 1860, and was the only child of the late Adams and Henrietta Eoff Dodson; being a grandson of Dr. Eoff, a prominent physician of that State.

He came to Bethlehem at the age of 17 years and pursued a

course of study in Lehigh University, being enrolled in the class of 1882.

He married Miss Martha Snyder, a daughter of the late Miff-
lin H. Snyder, of Bethlehem, in April of 1891, who with their
son, Adams Dodson, survives him.

He was not actively engaged in business, though being of a
mechanical bent he spent much time in his finely appointed work-
shop; he was fond of good reading and of the study of nature
and, with rod and gun made many long excursions. He was the
chairman of the Committee on Tablets and Memorial Stones in
connection with the Sesqui-centennial celebration of Bethlehem.

Genial and courteous, he made many friends and his early
death was greatly regretted.

He was a member of the Historical Society since October,
1892.

JOSEPH MATTHIAS LEIBERT.

Joseph M. Leibert, one of the original members of the Mora-
vian Historical Society, departed this life on September 1, 1904.
He was born at Bethlehem, on the 28th of February, 1837, be-
ing a son of James and Mary Ann (Tshudy) Leibert. He began
his business career as a clerk in the store of the late Jacob Rice.
During the Civil War he responded to a call for volunteers for
the Northern army, being mustered into service at Bethlehem,
in Company C, 129th Regt. P. V., on August 12, 1862. After the
battle of Fredericksburg, in which his regiment was engaged, he
became seriously ill and was brought to his home, where skillful
treatment and careful nursing saved his life; he never, however,
recovered his former vigorous health.

Subsequently he entered the employ of the Lehigh Zinc Com-
pany, as assistant to his brother, Richard W. Leibert, who was
at that time Assistant General Manager; on his brother's re-
tirement, he succeeded him in that office.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem
Moravian Congregation for nearly twenty-four years, and, in
1881, after the death of Ernst F. Bleck, the Treasurer of the
Congregation, he was elected to this office, which he held for
twenty-three years, taking a deep and intelligent interest in all
that concerned the well-being of the Church. He gave much

time and attention to the care and improvement of Nisky Hill Cemetery and gave generous support to, and took personal interest in various recent enterprises pertaining to church improvements.

Though carefully unostentatious, he was ever a liberal contributor to every charitable and benevolent undertaking, both of his own church and of the community.

He was in failing health for the last two years of his life, being confined to his house since March, 1904; his sufferings were often severe, but he bore them with remarkable courage and patience, until his final release on the morning of September 1.